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SUBJECT: DETENTION OF POLITICAL OPPONENTS -- EXECUTIVE/
JUDICIAL CONFRONTATION CONTINUES

REFERENCE: ISLAMABAD 7704

1. IN SEESAW CONTEST BETWEEN GOP EXECUTIVE AND JUDICIARY
OVER THE POWER TO DETAIN POLITICAL OPPONENTS, THE GOL
HAS STRUCK A FRESH BLOW IN AN ATTEMPT TO PREVENT INCREASINGLY
INDEPENDENT COURTS FROM RELEASING POLITICAL OPPOSITION
LEADERS ON BAIL.

2. ON JULY 27 PAKISTAN'S PRESIDENT FOR THE THIRD TIME
AMENDED THE DEFENCE OF PAKISTAN ORDINANCE (DPO) BY
PRESIDENTIAL ORDINANCE. AS AMENDED THE NEW RULES WILL
APPLY EX POST FACTO TO ALL CASES BROUGHT UNDER DPO,
AS WELL AS THOSE TO BE FILED IN THE FUTURE. ONLY SPECIAL
TRIBUNALS WILL BE ENPOWERED TO MAKE DECISION AFFECTING
DPO CASES IN ANY WAY. THIS REMOVES PREVIOUSLY ALLOWED
JUDICIAL REVIEW AUTHORITY OF PROVINCIAL HIGH COURTS.
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AMENDMENT ALSO SPECIFICALLY DENIES JUDICIARY THE RIGHT

TO GRANT BAIL IN DPO CASES.

3. OPPOSITION POLITICANS MENTIONED REFTEL HAVE NOT YET
BEEN REARRESTED, BUT WE ASSUME GOVERNMENT WILL EXERCISE
ITS NEW AUTHORITY AND ONCE AGAIN REMOVE THEM FROM THE
POLITICAL ARENA.
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